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**Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
election of five members of the Organizational Committee of the
Peacebuilding Commission**

**Letter dated 4 April 2008 from the Permanent Representative of
Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the President of the
General Assembly**

I have the honour to inform you that in response to the request conveyed in your letter of 18 March 2008, I convened an informal meeting on 26 March 2008 of representatives of Permanent Missions of the top 10 providers of military personnel and civilian police to discuss the selection of five members to serve on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, for a two-year term starting from 23 June 2008, pursuant to paragraph 4 (d) of General Assembly resolution 60/180.

Following the aforementioned meeting, and on the basis of informal consultations, the top 10 contributing countries have reached a consensus to select the five Member States listed below to serve on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, for a two-year term starting from 23 June 2008:

Bangladesh
India
Pakistan
Nepal
Nigeria

While apprising you of the outcome of the facilitating role you entrusted to me, may I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you for the confidence reposed in me, as well as to the other distinguished representatives of the group of top 10 providers for their kind cooperation.

(Signed) **Leslie K. Christian**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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Sixty-second session**Agenda item 147****Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste****Financing arrangements for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008****Note by the Secretary-General**

1. By its resolution 61/249 C on the financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT), the General Assembly appropriated for UNMIT the total amount of \$160,589,900 gross for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, inclusive of \$153,159,800 gross for the maintenance of the Mission, \$6,390,300 gross for the support account for peacekeeping operations and \$1,039,800 gross for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

2. Resources approved by the General Assembly for the Mission provided for the authorized strength of 1,748 United Nations police personnel, comprising 1,045 United Nations police officers and 703 formed police personnel, and the phased drawdown by 29 February 2008 of 600 United Nations police officers and the repatriation of 4 formed police units by 31 May 2008, with approximately 445 United Nations police officers and 1 formed police unit (140 officers) remaining by the end of the 2007/08 period.

3. However, recent developments and the prevailing security situation in the Mission area have necessitated adjustments in the operational requirements of UNMIT. As a result, the planned drawdown of United Nations police personnel, on which the 2007/08 budget was predicated, has been postponed. Accordingly, additional resources are required to support the continued deployment of United Nations police personnel until the end of the 2007/08 period. Additional requirements also arise from the accelerated recruitment of international staff and the retention of international staff to support the continued deployment of police personnel, as well as from the retention of temporary staff and United Nations Volunteers beyond 1 July 2007 owing to the postponement of parliamentary elections until 30 June 2007. The projected additional expenditures under ground transportation are attributable to unforeseen requirements stemming from the retention of United Nations police personnel and a new fuel contract.

4. The additional requirements projected for the 2007/08 period are currently estimated at \$25,872,300 gross (\$24,432,500 net), of which \$9,435,800 gross and net would be accommodated from within the appropriation approved by the General Assembly for the 2007/08 period (see para. 13 below), resulting in additional requirements of \$16,436,500 gross (\$14,996,700 net), as shown in the table.

Additional resource requirements for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	Apportionment (1)	Total projected expenditure (2)	Variance	
			Amount (3)=(1)-(2)	Percentage (4)=(3)÷(1)
Military and police personnel				
Military observers	1 389.4	1 389.4	—	—
Military contingents	—	—	—	—
United Nations police	24 209.0	40 220.0	(16 011.0)	(66.1)
Formed police units	16 536.0	19 068.0	(2 532.0)	(15.3)
Subtotal	42 134.4	60 677.4	(18 543.0)	(44.0)
Civilian personnel				
International staff	43 464.6	46 754.7	(3 290.1)	(7.6)
National staff	4 281.4	4 281.4	—	—
United Nations Volunteers	4 417.9	4 739.0	(321.1)	(7.3)
General temporary assistance	418.3	3 190.3	(2 772.0)	(662.7)
Subtotal	52 582.2	58 965.4	(6 383.2)	(12.1)
Operational costs				
Government-provided personnel	—	—	—	—
Civilian electoral observers	—	—	—	—
Consultants	143.4	236.0	(92.6)	(64.6)
Official travel	1 799.5	1 272.0	527.5	29.3
Facilities and infrastructure	16 015.1	16 014.0	1.1	—
Ground transportation	2 311.5	3 165.0	(853.5)	(36.9)
Air transportation	12 348.7	12 106.0	242.7	2.0
Naval transportation	—	—	—	—
Communications	7 090.5	6 188.0	902.5	12.7
Information technology	4 112.2	3 818.0	294.2	7.2
Medical	11 882.1	4 696.0	7 186.1	60.5
Special equipment	323.5	323.5	—	—
Other supplies, services and equipment	2 166.7	1 885.0	281.7	13.0
Quick-impact projects	250.0	250.0	—	—
Subtotal	58 443.2	49 953.5	8 489.7	14.5

Category	Apportionment (1)	Total projected expenditure (2)	Variance	
			Amount (3) = (1) - (2)	Percentage (4) = (3) ÷ (1)
Gross requirements	153 159.8	169 596.3	(16 436.5)	(10.7)
Staff assessment income	6 051.1	7 490.9	(1 439.8)	(23.8)
Net requirements	147 108.7	162 105.4	(14 996.7)	(10.2)
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—	—
Total requirements	153 159.8	169 596.3	(16 436.5)	(10.7)

5. The projected revised requirements for the maintenance of UNMIT for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 would amount to \$169,596,300 gross (\$162,105,400 net), representing an increase of \$16,436,500 gross (\$14,996,700 net) over the appropriation of \$153,159,800 gross (\$147,108,700 net) approved by the General Assembly for the maintenance of the Mission in its resolution 61/249 C.

6. The additional requirements of \$16,011,000 for United Nations police are attributable to the projected deployment of an average strength of 960 police officers, compared with the budgeted average strength of 630 police officers (after the application of a 10 per cent delayed deployment factor), resulting in additional projected expenditure for mission subsistence allowance (at the increased rate of \$98 per person-day in effect from 1 April 2007), rations and clothing allowance.

7. The additional requirements of \$2,532,000 for formed police personnel are attributable to the projected deployment of an average strength of 580 formed police personnel, compared with the budgeted average strength of 458 personnel, resulting in additional projected expenditure for the reimbursement of contributing countries for standard formed police costs and the associated equipment.

8. Under the international staff category of expenditure, additional requirements of \$3,391,400 are attributable to the projected average deployment of 348 international staff, compared with the budgeted average deployment of 299 international staff (after the application of a 30 per cent delayed recruitment factor), resulting in additional requirements for salaries and related costs and mission subsistence allowance.

9. The additional requirements of \$321,100 for United Nations Volunteers are attributable to the delayed repatriation of temporary United Nations Volunteers deployed in support of elections, which was completed by August 2007, rather than by 30 June 2007 as had been planned.

10. The additional requirements of \$2,670,700 for general temporary assistance are attributable to the higher-than-projected number of international and national staff deployed to support election-related activities as well as ongoing support for United Nations police personnel, resulting in projected additional expenditures for salaries and related costs and mission subsistence allowance for international staff.

11. Under the consultants category of expenditure, additional requirements of \$92,600 are attributable to the engagement of consultants in connection with the electoral certification process, for which no provision was made in the 2007/08 budget.

12. The additional requirements of \$853,500 under ground transportation are attributable to mobilization and management costs associated with the new fuel contract in effect from October 2007, for which no provision was made in the 2007/08 budget, as well as higher projected consumption of fuel related to the continued deployment of United Nations police, formed police units and civilian staff during the 2007/08 period.

13. The additional requirements would be offset by the projected unutilized balance of \$9,435,800, which is attributable primarily to the discontinuation of the requirements for a level II hospital provided in the 2007/08 budget to cover letter-of-assist arrangements owing to the upgrading of the Mission's level I clinic, reduced requirements for communications support services, the recovery of costs related to personal calls of Mission staff and reduced requirements for travel related to training.

14. In the context of its review of the Secretary-General's request for financing arrangements for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the 2004/05 period (A/59/718), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraph 8 of its report A/59/734, stated that it was of the opinion that requests for revised appropriations should be made only in exceptional circumstances, and, taking into account the relatively minor amount being requested, the Committee recommended that any additional requirement be reported in the performance report.

15. As at 31 December 2007, outstanding contributions to the Special Account for UNMIT amounted to \$41.5 million, representing 27 per cent of the appropriation for the maintenance of the Mission for the 2007/08 period. Against this background, the Secretariat considers the circumstances of the request for additional appropriation, with assessment, exceptional, owing to the fact that: (a) the additional requirements relate primarily to cash resources for the reimbursement of countries contributing formed police for standard costs, payment of mission subsistence allowances for United Nations police and international staff, salaries and related costs for international and national staff on posts and temporary positions and payments to commercial vendors for goods and services; and (b) the budget of UNMIT does not have the capacity to absorb the additional requirements, which represent 10.7 per cent of its total approved budget for the 2007/08 period.

16. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNMIT are:

(a) Appropriation and assessment of the amount of \$16,436,500 for the maintenance of the Mission for the 12-month period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in addition to the amount of \$160,589,900 already appropriated for the same period under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/249 C.



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The situation in the Middle East

Question of Palestine

Identical letters dated 7 April 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to inform you of yet another vicious Palestinian terrorist attack that resulted in the death of two Israeli civilians.

Earlier today, shortly after 1500 hours local time, Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip fired a salvo of mortars at the Nahal Oz crossing and infiltrated the fuel terminal. Two Israeli civilians employed at the terminal were shot dead by at least four Palestinian terrorists who penetrated the depot. Nahal Oz supplies the Gaza Strip with most of its fuel, and the attack on the crossing took place just after the latest delivery of fuel for the Gaza power plant, funded by the European Union.

Today's attack proves once again that the terrorists in Gaza not only wish to harm Israelis, they also want to harm the civilian infrastructure that allows for any semblance of normal life in the Gaza Strip. While Israel facilitates the entry of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, the terrorists cynically attack those very crossing points. In the past 24 hours alone, more than 127 trucks carrying medical equipment, diapers and basic food products were transferred from Israel to the Palestinian population in Gaza, via these crossing points, while at the same time more than 50 rockets and mortars were fired at Israel, in addition to the murder of two Israelis at the fuel terminal. The terrorists seek to kill as many Israelis as possible and sabotage any prospect for Israeli-Palestinian coexistence, as embodied in the crossing arrangements.

Israel holds Hamas fully responsible for these attacks and their consequences. The terrorists who attacked the fuel terminal today are trying to undermine any effort to achieve peace, and thereby harm the lives and welfare of the residents of Gaza as well.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 17 and 18, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dan Gillerman
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Measures to eliminate international terrorism****Security Council
Sixty-third year****Identical letters dated 9 April 2008 from the Permanent
Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the
President of the Security Council**

Upon instructions from my Government and in pursuance of the previous letters of this Mission, including letters circulated as documents A/61/571-S/2006/884, A/61/954-S/2007/354 and A/62/705-S/2008/117, I wish to inform you that the Israeli regime has continued with its insolent, outrageous and unprovoked threats against the Islamic Republic of Iran. In this regard, and in yet another manifestation of the terrorist, aggressive and criminal nature of the Israeli regime and in gross violation of the most basic principles of international law and the United Nations Charter, the Israeli Infrastructure Minister, Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, made a blatant threat against Iran, on 7 April 2008, by saying that his regime "will destroy the Iranian nation".

This malicious statement, which follows many others made in the past by other Israeli regime representatives — some of which are reflected in our aforesaid letters — is in full contempt of the basic provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly the provisions which call for refraining "from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations".

The impunity with which the Israeli regime has been allowed to continue its aggressive policies in threatening other nations, and the inaction of the Security Council in this regard, has emboldened the said regime to pursue this dangerous course. Therefore, the Security Council should react to these vicious statements by unambiguously condemning them and calling on the said regime to cease and desist immediately from the threat of using force against Members of the United Nations.



I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 108, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad Khazaee
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
